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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. KAUNDA WARY OF ISRAEL-VORSTER LINK

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LUSAKA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOLD SENATOR PERCY HE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VORSTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AND:

--WONDERS WHAT IT PORTENDS IN TERMS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY PREPAREDNESS IN AN INCREASINGLY VOLATILE SITUATION;

--IS SUSPENDING ACTION ON EARLIER GRZ THOUGHTS OF REES-
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TABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IF THE ISRAELIS ARE TO DISABUSE THE ZAMBI-
ANS OF THE STRONG SUSPICION THAT AN ARMS DEAL WAS NEGOTI-
ATED, WE BELIEVE THE GOI SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INFORMAL
BUSINESS LINKS IN LUSAKA TO DENY (IF TRUE) THAT MILITARY
PROCUREMENT WAS INVOLVED. (SECRET) LUSAKA 1005, 4/20.)

2. BERLIN: TAKING THE WIND FROM MOSCOW'S SAILS

EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCURS WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT AN INFORMAL
INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON BERLIN BY THE ALLIES WOULD BE USE-
FUL. THE EMBASSY ADDS THAT:

--THE ALLIED POLICY SHOULD BE ONE OF "COUNTERPRESSURE"
TO RESIST SOVIET EFFORTS TO ALTER THE STATUS QUO.

--THE PRESENT ALLIED STANCE IS IN DANGER OF BEING
INTERPRETED IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AS OVERLY DEFENSIVE.

--THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO STRAIGHTEN THE
RECORD AND SOBER THE SOVIETS IN THE PROCESS. (CONFI-
DENTIAL) MOSCOW 6148, 4/20.)

3. OIL: COSTA RICA CONSULTED BY WELL WISHERS

EMBASSY SAN JOSE HAS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT
THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PANAMA
AND POSSIBLY HONDURAS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING NATIONAL-
IZATION DECREES AFFECTING ALL OIL COMPANIES IN THOSE COUN-
TRIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAN JOSE 1922,
4/20.) KISSINGER

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